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PASTOR'S LETTER

REV. WENDY HOLLAND



“Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but let us encourage one another.”
~~ Hebrews 10:23-25a (NLT)~~

Dear Plymouth Family,

For someone who does fairly public and socially interactive work, I sometimes find myself surprised by my introvert tendencies.

I love road-tripping alone. My sister never could convince me that group exercise classes are superior to individual workout. And most recently, headed to our UCC SCNC annual meeting —after a drive filled with traffic and smog that even I found tedious—I arrived at the hotel and convention center with only an hour or so to get settled before heading out to a social hour, to be followed by dinner in the hotel ballroom, with a speaker and exercise to follow.

As much as I loved last year's gathering, I was not thrilled about this. I would have been content to hang out in my hotel room and catch up on my workload—or any other myriad of things that didn't require small talk and emotional connection.

Of course, once I entered the social space, I was immediately engaged: with colleagues I don't get to see often enough, with new introductions, and the surprising and edifying directions that our conversations take—because most of us are carrying the same concerns, and seeking wisdom as we try to do our best in caring for our congregations while not burning out (aside, this is not just the pastoral experience).

Of course, it wouldn't be as effective if we weren't being pushed out of comfort zones. I want this to be humorous, but I'm serious. This was demonstrated in our after-dinner presentation, led by a couple of pastors from Kansas. They shared how—since the beginning of the year—they've advocated tirelessly for the poor, for racial equality, for healthcare access, for food security, for LGBTQ protections, and all the areas where we see an erosion of human rights and an increase in vulnerability . . . And that they had experienced not one victory. Not one.

But the message was not one of hopelessness. Instead, they shared about building community with those who share the same concerns. Not for the purpose of simply commiserating, but to plan, and educate each other, and build awareness and—yes—to encourage and be encouraged. To be the living reminder of Christlikeness, and to maintain faith that love truly wins, even when it sometimes takes a while.

When you're tempted to lie in bed with a book, or fill your time with busy work instead of gathering with a friend or two (or 200) who gets it, more often than not, choose to step out of your comfort zone. You will be encouraged, and strengthened, and made more effective in this journey of Love.

With so much love and gratitude, and prayers for your peace and well-being,

Pastor Wendy 2

A WORD FROM OUR DIACONATE

Summer is coming and I know some kids that are anxious for vacation, camp, and free time. It is definitely a great time of the year.

June 8th, we celebrate Pentecost. It is when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and other followers of Christ. Red is the color we use for this day. Get out any red clothing you have and wear it that day.

Thank you to all the men who provided the delicious food on Mother's Day. It was a wonderful spread.

I am so grateful for all the people of our church. I do not know another group of people who chip in and help in every situation. At Pearl's service, so many people helped set up and clean up. Thank you to all that jump in when they see a need.

Once again, we are going to be enjoying a wonderful breakfast and Church in the park August 10th. Breakfast will be at 9:30. Dig out your favorite breakfast recipe or grab some fruit at the store. We always end up with a delicious spread. Put it on your calendar.

In case you were wondering what the Diaconate Board does, here are many of the jobs we take care of. We prepare the elements for communion. Greeters, acolytes, and liturgists are scheduled by Diaconate. We fill the candles with oil, stock the pews with caring cards etc., and manage membership. We make sure the alter cloths are the correct color for the Liturgical calendar. Diaconate members also make sure we have people signed up for fellowship and flowers. We wash the tablecloths. Basically, we do what is needed for Church and fellowship. It is a good board for those of you who like to do tasks that make a difference in worship and coffee time.

If you want to know more about Diaconate Board, let me know.

Now you know why I keep reminding everyone to sign up for flowers and treats. It takes all of us to keep this wonderful church rolling along.

Blessings to you and your family,

Sharon Rowe



PLYMOUTH CHURCH YOUTH CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

For JUNE

JUN
4

SUMMER KICKOFF PARTY

Youth Group (7th grade and up): Pool party with karaoke, food, games, and more! Invite your friends!
4-9PM

JUN
18/25

BIBLE STUDY/ “LET’S TALK”



Youth Group Bible study on 6/18; “Let’s Talk About That” on 6/25 6:30-8PM both days!

JUN
8

GRAD CELEBRATION SUNDAY

During Sunday service, we will celebrate graduating & promoting youth!



JUN
20

DATE NIGHT & OVERNIGHT

All ages invited for crafts, snacks, and games 5-8PM; Youth Group stays for overnight after, with 10AM pickups 6/21



MISSION OUTREACH NEWS



The Plymouth Cares meal on May 6th saw 15 people participate. We completely served out for 119 dinners. Susan's mac and cheese hamburger casserole was the popular main dish that was prepared with assistance from Stu (This is the same delicious dish we got to enjoy at fellowship a couple of weeks ago.). Chris again made her popular Green salad with Ranch dressing. John and Linda T. again provided the delicious buttered Hawaiian Sweet Rolls. The dessert was a delicious assortment of cookies made possible by Chuck, while Chuck and Chris placed the over 100 cookies into serving baggies. The awesome PBJ sack lunch crew was Anne J., Mary, Carlie, Britt, John S., Pat and Chris. We received special help to serve the meal at the ECHO Shelter by Diane and her children Hunter and Lila, with other servers being Susan, Stu and John S. The servers again heard many "Thank yous" for a hot, nutritious and delicious meal. As is usual, we did our work in good cheer, wonderful conversation and the rewarding feeling of helping those in need as instruments of God's hands.

BY JOHN SVINTH
MISSION OUTREACH

The amount collected for the One Great Hour Of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering, was too quickly stated to be \$143, which represented only the amount received in March, while additional contributions were received in April that saw the actual donation to be \$793. So, I'm happy to share that we collected much more to help the UCC "Be the Light" to provide relief to those in need around the world.

The Box for Donations for the Unhoused received four sweaters and a set of bed clothes. These were delivered to the ECHO shelter on May 6th for their shelter residents. Thank you for the contributions, which help to fill this important need for the unhoused.

Strengthen the Church special mission offering June 8: This annual offering supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC does not have a strong presence. It also supports existing churches' new initiatives. It is usually received on Pentecost Sunday. In a departure from past years, Plymouth Church will not hold back 50% of the donations to support the financial needs of Plymouth Church as there are avenues through the UCC to assist us with our financial concerns.

The Board of the Mission-Outreach Team is again down to four voting members, with the passing of our beloved Pearl Munak. We would dearly like our number to be at least five, which would provide an additional member's ideas and energy for our calling, and to make us an official board according to our church constitution. If learning about our activities and purpose tugs on your heart, please consider joining us or just learning more about us at our monthly meetings after service on the third Sunday, or by asking Wendy, John, Chris, Sally or Pat.

Upcoming Events



DO YOU HAVE YOUTH WHO ARE GRADUATING OR PROMOTING?

JOIN US FOR OUR

GRADUATION & PROMOTION CELEBRATION

SUNDAY JUNE 8TH

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THEM DURING OUR SUNDAY SERVICE!

PLEASE SEND A PHOTO, THEIR NAME, AND WHERE THEY'RE HEADED NEXT TO JULIA.IRENE.SCHULTE@GMAIL.COM

Graduation caps floating in the background.



PLYMOUTH CHURCH INVITES YOU TO OUR

SUMMER KICKOFF

A PARTY FOR OUR YOUTH GROUP 7TH GRADE AND UP!

June 4th | 4-9PM

- Pool Party
- Karaoke
- Games, Food, and more!

The Wallace's
3223 S. El Pomar Rd,
Templeton

Decorative border with palm leaves and colorful swirls.



PLYMOUTH CHURCH INVITES YOU TO A

POTLUCK & POOL PARTY

@ THE WALLACE'S - 3223 SOUTH EL POMAR RD, TEMPLETON

FOR MORE INFO OR TO RSVP, CONTACT US:
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JULY 11TH
STARTS AT 5PM

BRING A DISH TO SHARE AND JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP, SWIMMING, KARAOKE, & A CAMPOUT!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Summer-themed icons: watermelon, orange, lemon, ice cream cone, cocktail, striped swimsuit, starfish, pineapple, coconut drink.

Are you excited about an upcoming event in our community? Please share by sending an email to plymouthchurchpaso@gmail.com to have the event featured in next month's beacon!

CELEBRATIONS & PRAYERS



5. Isabelle Holland
8. Britt Fairchild
8. Ainsley Hope
10. Doug Barth
15. Solene Fabre
17. Gina Grieb
20. Jeff Railsback
21. Evelyn Bradley
21. Hazel Jean Dudley
21. Joyce Singleman
22. Sharon Schulte
22. Cohen Wallace
23. Charity Marlatt
24. Cameron Stoddard
27. Marcus Stemper
29. Russell Baker



1. John and Kathleen Burkle
8. Scott and Ashley Mottard
21. Jillian & Gregg Waters
26. Les & Dawn Stemper

- Prayers for Shirley Mark's sister, Marilyn, recently diagnosed with breast cancer
- Continued prayers for five-year old Scarlett in remission: healing, comfort, and peace for her and loved ones.
- Lily Kate Comstock and her family ~ For healing and comfort as she lives with a rare form of epilepsy.
- Pete DeGraaf ~ Parkinson's
- Maisie Egger
- Carolyn Payne, mother of John Svinth's niece ~ on kidney dialysis due to kidney failure
- Barb Hill

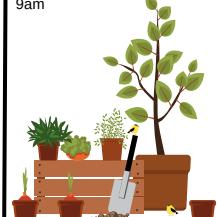
- Rev. Wendy Holland and family
- Prayers for Hart & Nancy Junge.
- Anita Yates ~ Prayers for strength and comfort in the hospital as she deals with a blood clot in her lung
- Prayers for Nicole, for strength and comfort to her and family as she battles with breast cancer
- For multiple families dealing with health and cognition issues.
- For the continued good health of all.
- For God to bless PCC with continued, abundant, love and unity, and to add to our numbers, as we can be a mutual blessing to those who join us.

- Prayers for all people in War Torn Countries.
- May God heal, bless, comfort; and give wisdom to the doctors and all medical personnel.



TO ADD TO THE PRAYER LIST OR MAKE CHANGES, PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL LUCY IN THE CHURCH OFFICE: (805) 238-3321, OR PLYMOUTHCHURCHPASO@GMAIL.COM

JUNE CALENDAR

SUN JUNE 1	MON JUNE 2	TUES JUNE 3	WED JUNE 4	THUR JUNE 5	FRI JUNE 6	SAT JUNE 7
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am Holy Communion Sunday			Summer Kickoff Party 4-9pm The Wallace's House 	Bible Study with Pastor Wendy 10-11:30am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm	*Just for Today Sanctuary 6pm NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) *held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month	God's Garden 9am 
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am Diaconate Board Meeting 11:30am Grad Celebration Sunday 	Little Shop of Horrors Auditions Fellowship Hall 5pm-8pm	Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm	Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 8-9am	Bible Study with Pastor Wendy 10-11:30am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm	*Just for Today Sanctuary 6pm NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) *held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month	
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am Mission Outreach Meeting 11:40am 		Mission Outreach Library 4:15pm Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm Trustees Meeting 6pm Council Meeting 6:45	Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 8-9am Youth Bible Study Youth House 6:30-8pm	Bible Study with Pastor Wendy 10-11:30am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm	Date Night 5-8pm Youth House  Overnight (7th grade and up)	Overnight Pickups Youth House 10am PASO Juneteenth Jubilee 8pm-11pm Paso Robles City Park 
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am		Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm	Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 8-9am Let's Talk About That (Youth) Youth House 6:30-8pm 	Bible Study with Pastor Wendy 10-11:30am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm	*Just for Today Library 6pm NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) *held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month	
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am Youth Sunday Youth and Family Board Meeting 11:40am		Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm	Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 8-9am	Bible Study with Pastor Wendy 10-11:30am	*Just for Today Library 6pm NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) *held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month	

JUNE SERMONS

SUN JUNE 1	SUN JUNE 8	SUN JUNE 15	SUN JUNE 22	SUN JUNE 29
“Why Jesus?” Matthew 1:18-23	“What Does This Mean?” Acts 2:1-21	“Affliction, Character, and Hope” John 16:12-15, Romans 5:1-5	“Process” I Kings 19	“Static” Luke 9:51-62 (I Kings 19, Galatians 5)



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May God bless us all!
